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**Sent**: 1/13/2022 4:29:53 PM

**To**: Boyce, Matthew [Boyce.Matthew@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: AltEn

Can you reach out to Amanda? I can't find her meeting.

Sent: Friday, January 07, 2022 10:52 AM

To: Sobus, Jon <Sobus.Jon@epa.gov>; Newton, Seth <Newton.Seth@epa.gov>

Cc: Ulrich, Elin <Ulrich.Elin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: AltEn

Yes, glad to hear all is going well at home!

I'll go ahead and schedule something for your return to the office. We can always cancel depending on what happens with coordination for the larger effort. I think some of the ideas also could be applied to samples from other sites or samples we might already have in-house, so even a quick meeting could be beneficial.

#### Amanda

From: Sobus, Jon <<u>Sobus.Jon@epa.gov</u>>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 5:47 PM

To: Newton, Seth < Newton.Seth@epa.gov>; Brennan, Amanda < brennan.amanda@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: AltEn

Hi Seth,

I'm glad to hear that things are going well at home! In response to your question below, by "group" I just mean those interested in participating in the project. I think Elin sent out an email to those individuals yesterday. It sounds like Jill will be helping coordinate some communications. Hopefully that will all start to play out soon.

Just let me know how I can help!

Jon

From: Newton, Seth < Newton. Seth@epa.gov > Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2022 12:04 PM

To: Sobus, Jon <Sobus.Jon@epa.gov>; Brennan, Amanda <br/> <br/>brennan.amanda@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: AltEn

Hi Amanda and Jon,

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Either way, let's try to get something on the books as soon as I'm back on January 17 or that week.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks, Seth

From: Sobus, Jon <<u>Sobus.Jon@epa.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2022 10:47 AM

To: Brennan, Amanda <a href="mailto:seth@epa.gov">brennan, Amanda <a

Subject: RE: AltEn

Hi Amanda,

#### Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I my opinion, this AltEn project has the potential to be large and I'm nervous that not enough people have volunteered to lead aspects of the work. That being said, I personally think it's wonderful that you are interested in both being involved and leading. I support that 100%.

Here's my proposal moving forward:

### Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Keep me posted and let me know you I can help,

Jon

From: Brennan, Amanda <a href="mailto:specialsour-">brennan.amanda@epa.gov</a>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2022 8:23 PM **To:** Newton, Seth < Newton. Seth@epa.gov>

Cc: Sobus, Jon <Sobus.Jon@epa.gov>

Subject: AltEn

Hi Seth,

### Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

I missed the NTA meeting in which the background and research on the AltEn site was discussed, but I recently spent some time listening to the podcast you recommended and looking at the information on the AltEn Teams Page. I'm very interested in participating and/or proposing a research idea for this that might fall under your or Jon's CSS output, but don't want to duplicate any efforts.

A few thoughts/ideas I was hoping to get some feedback on:

Elin mentioned that you were considering using NTA to identify odor causing agents and Angela Batt is likely interested in the surface water component. It seems like surface water sediments might be another piece that is of interest. Is there another researcher who has expressed interest in looking at contaminants and degradation products in sediment or bioavailability of sediment contaminants (for insects or tadpoles) measured with passive sampling to help identify possible routes of exposure?

Not sure if anyone has shown interest in leading/collaborating on one of the ideas you proposed during the AltEn meeting on 11/30/2021 regarding use of transformation prediction tools (chemical transformation simulator) combined with NTA to discover degradation products, but I would definitely be interested in that research effort. Dust or surface sediments might be a possible matrix for this comparison.

I know you're on leave, so only checking email periodically, but I copied Jon on this email in hopes of getting some initial feedback from you both and in general, expressing interest in more non-targeted research.

Thanks, Amanda